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**TO:** Superintendents of Schools

**FROM:** Peter McWalters, Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application for Funds Through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Enclosed is an application for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 LEA grants through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The application packet includes information regarding program design and related requirements. Interested school districts are requested to submit by mail an original and three copies by May 16, 2005.

The grant is competitive and selection of proposals for funding will be based on the numbers and needs of homeless children and youth within the applicant school district, as well as the ability of the school district to meet such needs. Additional factors to be considered include:

1. the types, intensity and coordination of the services to be provided;
2. the extent to which homeless children and youth will be integrated with the regular education program;
3. the quality of the applicant's evaluation plan for the program; and
4. the extent to which services will be coordinated with other services available to homeless children and youth and their families.

As noted in your CRP application, No Child Left Behind requires all school districts to reserve a portion of their Title I, Part A funds to assist in meeting the needs of homeless children and youth. This requirement applies to all school districts without regard to the LEA's success in competing for McKinney-Vento funds.

For additional information or assistance in completing the application, you may contact Janice Stavros at 222-4600, Ext. 2207 or at [janice.stavros@ride.ri.gov](mailto:janice.stavros@ride.ri.gov).

Enclosure

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